



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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Capital Budget Hearing
Senate & House Capital Budget Subcommittee

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Senate Capital Budget Subcommittee
120 James Senate Office Building
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House Capital Budget Subcommittee
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Dear Chairmen and Members of the Capital Budget Subcommittee:

On behalf of the YMCA of the Chesapeake, I would like share my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your ongoing support for the YMCA and our work on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Through support from the State of Maryland and hundreds of private donors we were able to bring the first YMCA/Senior Center to St. Michaels, Maryland. This shared-use model has been a huge success, which is in no small part due to our support from the state. We are excited to replicate this model in Queen Anne's County and ask for the favorable review and approval of \$565,000 that the Governor has kindly included in the FY2022 capital budget proposal.

The Queen Anne's County Family YMCA capital project is a collaborative effort between the YMCA of the Chesapeake and Queen Anne's County to:

- Construct a 41,000 square foot, shared-use YMCA and Senior Center in Centreville, Maryland.
- The project will be located on a 16-acre site across from Queen Anne's County High School. This location is central in the county and is conveniently located to Caroline County, Kent County, and Talbot County; creating opportunities for individuals in the Mid-Shore region.
- This new facility will greatly expand our capacity to provide amenities, programs and services from 2,800 individuals to over 10,000 individuals in Queen Anne's County.

Queen Anne's County and the YMCA recognize the health challenges that exist on the Eastern Shore and have partnered to fill a critical gap in the Mid-Shore region. Through this partnership, we can address accessibility and geographic barriers by delivering high level healthcare programming; providing a safe place for children to learn, grow, and thrive; and delivering critical outreach programming in a welcoming community-based setting

Our seniors living in Queen Anne's County, particularly low- to moderate-income seniors, have very limited access to programs and services due to transportation, financial limitations and physical access. While there are county run senior centers in Grasonville, Kent Island and Sudlersville, Centreville is lacking a senior center. By creating a shared-use model with Queen Anne's County, we will reach a level of resource and programmatic support that we would not be able to otherwise provide. The YMCA will support the Queen Anne's County Senior Center in providing health and enrichment programs, working with the community's aging population to develop and/or maintain healthy habits and lifestyles to positively impact their quality of life. Once constructed, this will be the only facility in the community that will have an advanced fitness component for seniors.

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We completed a market study (2013) that evidenced a new Queen Anne's YMCA could serve over 10,000 members and identified key programming and amenities needed to fill critical gaps in the community. The study highlighted the need for aquatics programming, youth programming, and a safe place for families to spend quality time together. A new YMCA will provide a state of the art natatorium to fill critical aquatics programming currently lacking in the community like water safety; a safe place for children to go before and after school while their parents are at work; and health intervention and prevention programming through our chronic disease programming and senior center.

The YMCA of the Chesapeake's shared-use, Senior Center/YMCA model, first developed for the Perkins Family YMCA and Bay Hundred Senior Center in St. Michaels, Maryland, is the first of its kind. This model has been a tremendous success in Talbot County and has been praised by the Board of Public Works. In its first year of operation, the Bay Hundred Senior Center welcomed 266 new members, served over 970 meals to seniors, and offered a robust slate of wellness, continual learning, and intergenerational programming. Through this partnership, seniors have access to tailored wellness programs like water aerobics, low-impact aerobics, chair yoga, and stretching. Also a host of continuing education classes such as: art classes, medication counseling, medicare/medicaid enrollment advice and a pro-bono legal clinic. The Bay Hundred Senior Center and Perkins Family YMCA exemplifies the power of this shared-use model and the positive impact we can have throughout the mid-shore region. Prior to the pandemic, the Perkins Family YMCA/Bay Hundred Senior Center serve 3,000 (75%) community members on a regular basis.

We will officially break ground on this project in June 2021. The total project cost is \$13.8 million. Currently, we have raised over \$10.26 million in private contributions to fund the project. This project will provide a transformational moment for Queen Anne's County and the greater mid-shore region. This new center will provide a safe place where everyone can come together. Our children can learn, grow and thrive, families can become stronger, seniors can access needed services and connect to one another, and no one will be turned away due to financial limitations.

We are so excited about our work in Queen Anne's County and hope we can continue to work in partnership with the State of Maryland to expand the programs and services available in the community. Should the subcommittee require any additional information pertaining to our capital campaign and/or the capital projects, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

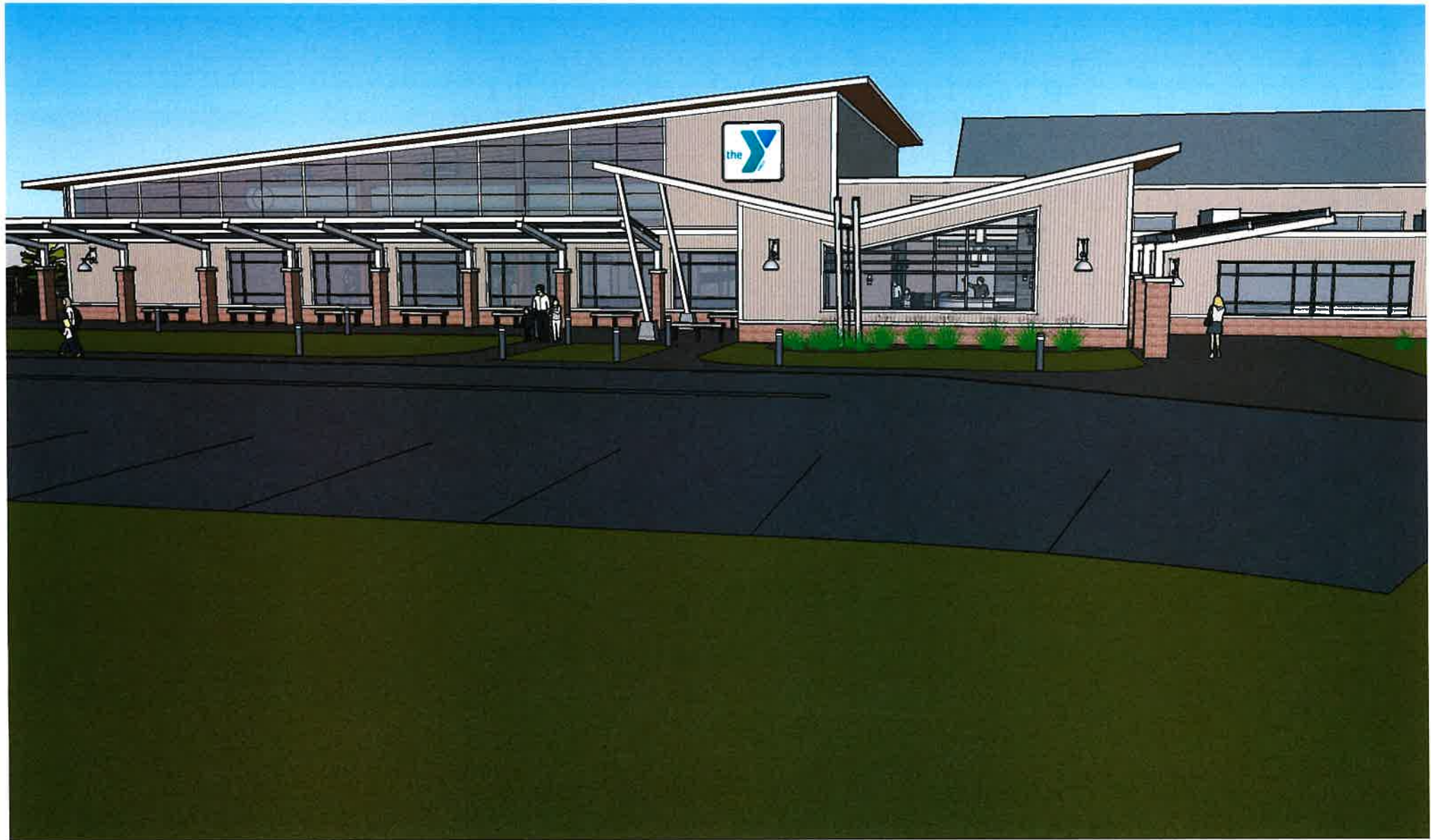
Sincerely,



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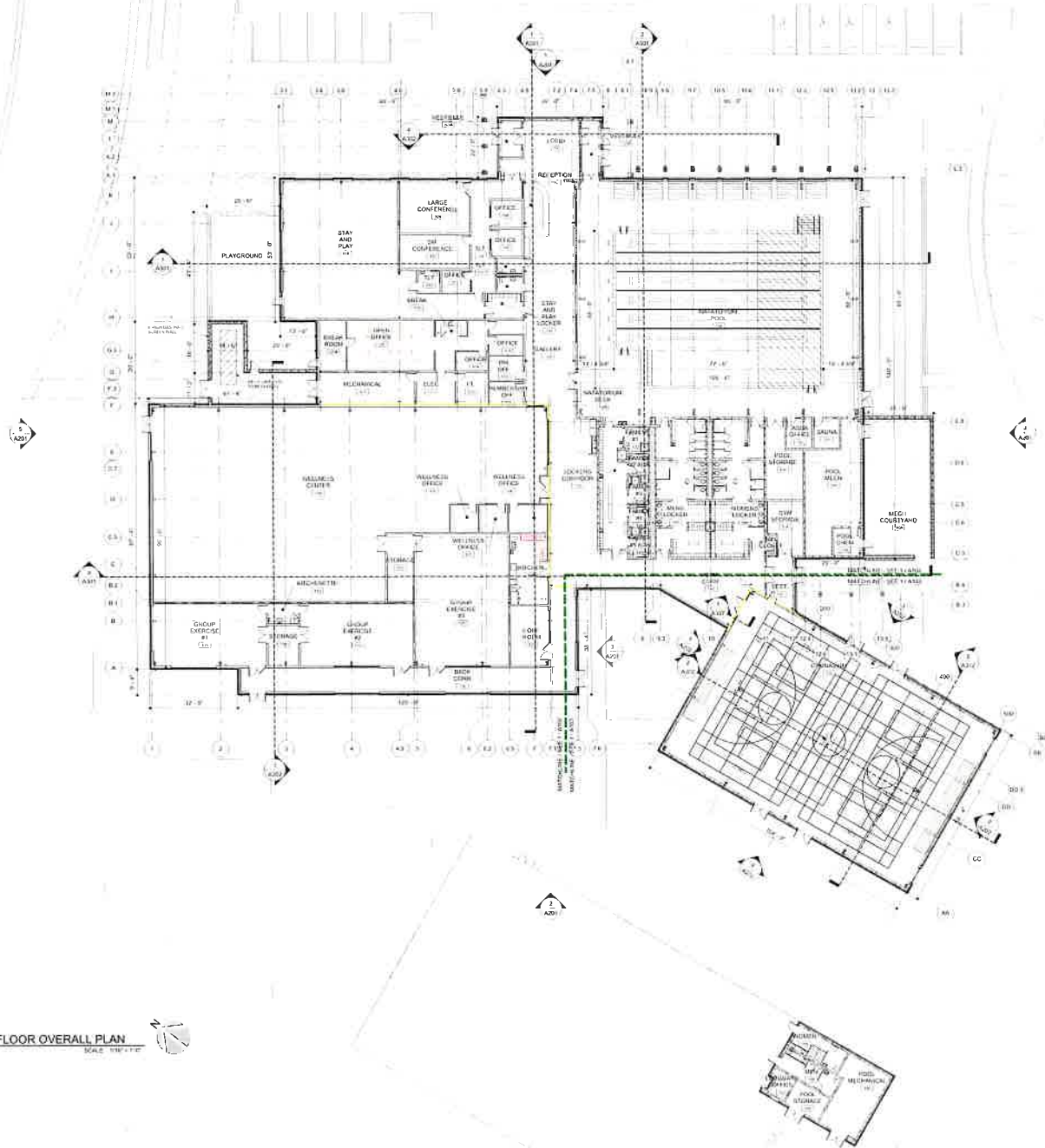
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